Student Exchange in Oslo
University of Oslo (UiO)
As the first university in Norway, founded in 1811, the University of Oslo has strong academic traditions and offers renowned, high quality education and research. UiO is the highest ranked institution of education and research in Norway and is among the World’s Top 100 universities.

Exchange to UiO
UiO has a broad agreement portfolio with more than 500 recognized universities worldwide, and participates in exchange programmes such as Erasmus+ and Nordplus. We are proud to have exchange agreements with 100 of the top 200 universities of the world. At UiO you will be part of a world-class learning environment!

Oslo, Norway
Oslo, the petite capital city of Norway, is welcoming, vibrant and cosmopolitan. In this friendly and exciting city you will find everything you need within a short distance. Oslo also offers a varied cultural life and easy access to outdoor experiences on the coast, in the forest, and in the mountains. As most Norwegians speak English, it is easy to find one’s way around.

UiO in short
Students: 28,000
Staff: 6,600
Faculties: 8
Libraries: 19
Museums: 2
Nobel Prize winners: 5
World ranking (Shanghai, 2019): no. 59
Times Higher Education (THE) 2019, 121
International students: 15%

Strategic interdisciplinary research areas
UiO: Life Science
UiO: Energy
UiO: Nordic

Exchange students
Incoming exchange students: 1,500
Top 5 incoming exchange countries:
1. Germany
2. France
3. USA
4. The Netherlands
5. United Kingdom

Oslo in short
Inhabitants in Norway: 5,300,000
Inhabitants in Oslo: 680,000
Number of students in Oslo: 60,000
Prepared ski trails in Oslo (length): 2,600 km
How to apply

UiO uses an online nomination and application system for incoming exchange students. Only students who are nominated by their home institution can apply to become an exchange student.

See admission procedures at https://www.uio.no/english/studies/admission/exchange/

Deadlines

1 May for studies starting in August (Autumn semester)
1 November for studies starting in January (Spring semester)

Academic year structure

Autumn semester (semester 1):
mid-August–mid-December
Spring semester (semester 2):
start of January–mid-June

Tuition fee

UiO charges no tuition fee. This also includes exchange students.

Start with friendship

Exchange students are introduced to a buddy at the beginning of the semester. By joining a Buddy group and attending social events on campus you will quickly get to know your fellow students!

You will also find more than 250 student associations to cater for most interests, whether you enjoy sports, music, or economics.

Student housing

International students on exchange programmes are guaranteed accommodation (a furnished single room) in one of the student villages, provided that they apply within the specified deadline. Student housing is operated by The Student Welfare Organisation of Oslo and Akershus (SiO). See more at: uio.no/english/student-life/services/housing/

Cost of living

As a student you will need a minimum of approx. NOK 12 000 per month in order to cover basic expenses.

SiO offers student housing, cafeterias, sports and recreation centres and health services at an affordable price. On-campus social events are usually either free of charge or student-friendly priced. See more at: uio.no/english/student-life/budget

Residence permit

If you are an EU/EEA citizen you only need to register with the Norwegian police upon arrival.

Students from outside the EU/EEA must apply for a student residence permit before arrival. The study permit includes allowance to work part-time up to 20 hours per week.

See more at uio.no/english/student-life/residence-permit

Contact us

For general inquiries regarding student exchange to UiO, please contact: exchange-students@admin.uio.no

See more at: www.uio.no/english/studies/why-choose-uio